



# What can you do to help prevent terrorism and violent extremism

## Countering the Threat

**Vigilance remains our greatest defence**, the earlier suspicious behaviour is reported, the greater the chance of preventing harm. Trust your instincts, if it just does not feel or look right, let the Police know.

The following information is taken from the United Kingdom's **Action Counters Terrorism Campaign**.

### What type of behaviour or activity could be considered suspicious?

Some examples of suspicious behaviour or activity include:

- Taking notes or photos of security arrangements, or inspecting CCTV cameras in an unusual way
- Looking at extremist material or sharing and creating content that promotes or glorifies terrorism
- Taking an overt interest or 'idolising' past attacks or perpetrators of attacks
- Someone receiving deliveries for unusual items bought online
- Embracing or actively promoting hateful ideas or an extremist ideology
- Possessing illegal firearms, improvised or home-made weapons -possibly using household items -or showing an interest in obtaining them
- Hiring large vehicles or similar for no obvious reasons
- Buying or storing a large amount of chemicals, fertilisers or gas cylinders for no obvious reason
- Holding passports or other documents in different names, for no obvious reasons
- Anyone who goes away travelling for long periods of time but is vague about where
- Someone carrying out suspicious or unusual bank transactions

### How sure do I have to be before passing on my suspicions to Police?

An honest held belief that something is occurring or you have a belief someone is acting suspiciously.

## If my information turns out to be incorrect will I have wasted police time?

You may feel it's probably nothing, but unless you trust your instincts and tell the police they won't be able to judge whether the information you have is important or not.

Remember, no piece of information is considered too small or insignificant. Police staff would rather take lots of calls that are made in good faith, but have innocent explanations, than not getting any at all.

Report any of the below activity if you believe it to be suspicious or cause a threat.

### Research

- Do you know someone who travels but is vague about where they are going?
- Do you know someone with multiple passports in different names?
- Do you know someone who looks at extremist material?
- Or shares or creates content that glorifies terrorism?
- Have you noticed somebody promoting hateful ideas or extremist views?

### Gathering Materials

- Have you noticed someone receiving deliveries for unusual items?
- If you work in commercial vehicle hire or sales, has a sale or rental seemed unusual?
- Have you noticed someone buying large amounts of chemicals or gas cylinders for no reason?
- Have you noticed someone acquiring illegal firearms?

### Storing Materials

- Have you noticed anyone storing large amounts of chemicals, fertilisers, or gas cylinders for no reason?
- Have you noticed anyone storing firearms beyond be their normal interest or sporting pursuits that could be used for an attack?

### Hostile Reconnaissance

- Observation and surveillance help terrorists plan attacks.
- Have you noticed anyone taking photos and observing CCTV or security arrangements?
- Asking probing questions?

### Financing

- Cheque and credit card fraud are ways of generating cash.
- Have you noticed any unusual bank transactions?

## Concerned about a family member or loved one? Act Early

Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies. If you are worried someone close to you is becoming radicalised act early and seek help. The sooner you reach out, the quicker we can protect the person you care about from being groomed and exploited by extremists.

Friends and family are best placed to spot the signs, so trust your instincts and tell us your concerns in confidence.

Act early, you won't be wasting Authorities time and you won't ruin lives, but you might save them.

## What should I do if I find terrorist or violent extremist content online?

If you see online graphic or violent extremist material or content that supports, directs or glorifies terrorism please report it.

## Terrorists use the internet to provoke individuals to carry out attacks.

One post or video has the power to influence vulnerable people and inspire extremists and terrorists. This is why it is important to tackle online terrorism.

## You can help us stop terrorists' and extremists' online presence by reporting content such as:

- Speeches or essays calling for racial or religious violence
- Videos of violence with messages in praise of terrorists
- Postings inciting people to commit acts of terrorism or violent extremism
- Messages intended to stir up hatred against any religious or ethnic group
- Bomb-making instructions
- Advice on how to obtain or make weapons

Authorities will examine the content and will work with internet companies to remove it if appropriate.

**S646 offers a range of services inclusive of threat assessments, target hardening, document creation, penetration testing and onsite threat management**

---

**SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING  
VIGILANCE REMAINS OUR GREATEST DEFENCE – APATHY OUR GREATEST ENEMY**